



HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA ALERT

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CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM DONATION

WHAT: First Alert and Home Depot will present the Houston Fire Department with 300 carbon monoxide alarms to distribute to citizens who are in need and unable to purchase and install an alarm.

WHEN: Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005 at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Fire Station 11
460 T.C. Jester, just north of I-10

DETAILS: Carbon Monoxide is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in America, and everyone is at risk for carbon monoxide poisoning, and the possibility increases with the use of supplemental heating devices during colder weather.

Carbon Monoxide, an invisible, odorless gas robs you of oxygen. Small amounts of it can cause sickness, similar to the flu. If a person is exposed to higher levels of the gas and/ or long enough, they may suffer vomiting, loss of consciousness, and eventually brain damage or death.

Common sources for carbon monoxide are found in gas or oil furnaces, gas-fueled water heaters, gas ranges or stove tops, wood or gas fireplaces, attached garage, wood/coal burning stove, space heaters, gas dryers, and block chimneys or flue.